

# CONSERVATION CONNECTION



Outdoor Classroom for Fourth  
Grade Students

**Conservation  
Connection** is an  
outdoor classroom created by  
the Andrew County Soil and  
Water Conservation District to  
educate the county youth on  
the importance of soil and  
water stewardship.



Each fall over  
250 fourth grade  
students travel to the  
*Ford Farm for Youth*  
in central Andrew  
County to learn and  
discover the many  
facets of our natural  
resources.





# The students

rotate between five  
learning stations:

*Aquatics, Forestry,  
Poster Contest, Soils and  
Wildlife.* Specialist in  
each of these respective  
fields share fun facts and  
information about how  
everyone is responsible  
for taking care of our  
environment.

**Ford Farm** – The place to see  
and experience nature!!!!!!!



# Off to the first station .....



# Soils Station



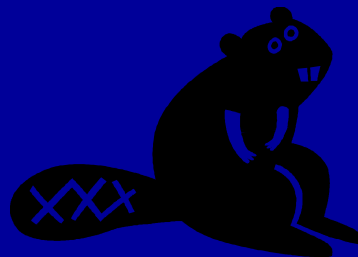
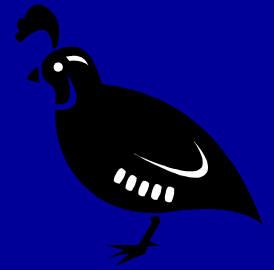
# Understanding the importance of soil



Can you name the  
three layers of soil?



# Wildlife Station



# Check out the badger hide!!



# Aquatics Station



The large pond has many types of fish.

That's a  
**BIG**  
fish!!!!



# Forestry Station



# How Much Space Does a Tree Need?



# Poster Contest Station

## RULES/IDEAS

- Be creative
- Colorful
- Correct spelling
- Informational
- Theme
- Name on back of poster



# Learning the results of erosion



# Lunch Time - YUM!!!



# Speakers

- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Natural Resources Conservation
- University of Missouri Extension and Outreach
- Andrew County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Department of Natural Resources



# Participating Schools



- Amazonia
- Avenue City
- Helena
- John Glenn
- King City
- Minnie Cline
- North Andrew

# Exploring the Ford Farm





# Don't forget !!!!

- Bring your lunch and a beverage.
- Dress for the weather.
- Wear tennis shoes or boots – NO SANDALS.
- Wear your name tag.
- Enjoy the Ford Farm.
- Learn, learn, learn, learn!!!!
- AND listen to your teacher.



# Sponsors

- Ford Farm Trust
- Andrew County Commission
- Andrew County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Harry and Blanche Charitable Trust
- Hobby Lobby
- Future Farmers of America Chapters
  - King City
  - North Andrew
  - Savannah

